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IN RE: ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR FUEL COSTS

OF DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION.

A. My name is Michael Seaman-Huynh. My business address is 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. I am employed by the State of South Carolina as a Senior Electric Utilities Specialist in the Electric Department for the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”).

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

A. I received my Bachelor’s Degree from the University of South Carolina in 1997. Prior to my employment with ORS, I was employed as an energy analyst with a private consulting firm. I joined ORS in 2006 as an Electric Utilities Specialist and was promoted to Senior Electric Utilities Specialist in 2010.

Q. HAVE YOU TESTIFIED PREVIOUSLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA?

A. Yes. I have previously testified on numerous occasions before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) in conjunction with fuel

1 clause, general rate case, and Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act
2 proceedings.

3 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

4 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to set forth ORS Electric Department's
5 findings and recommendations resulting from our examination and review of Duke
6 Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or "Company") fuel expenses and power plant
7 operations used in the generation of electricity to meet the Company's South Carolina
8 retail customer requirements. The review period includes actual data for June 2012
9 through May 2013, estimated data for June 2013 through September 2013, and
10 forecasted data for October 2013 through September 2014.

11 **Q. WHAT AREAS WERE ENCOMPASSED IN YOUR REVIEW OF THE**
12 **COMPANY'S FUEL EXPENSES AND PLANT OPERATIONS?**

13 **A.** ORS examined various fuel and performance related documents as part of its
14 review. The information reviewed addressed various electric generation and power
15 plant outage and maintenance activities. In preparation for this proceeding, ORS
16 analyzed the Company's monthly fuel reports including power plant performance
17 data, unit outages and generation statistics. ORS evaluated contracts for nuclear fuel,
18 coal, natural gas, fuel oil, transportation, ammonia, lime, and limestone. ORS also
19 evaluated the Company's policies and procedures for fuel procurement. All
20 information was reviewed with reference to the Company's existing Adjustment for
21 Fuel and Variable Environmental Costs tariff and the Fuel Clause statute.

**Q. WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS WERE TAKEN IN ORS'S REVIEW OF THE
COMPANY'S PROPOSAL IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

A. ORS met with Company personnel from various departments including Power System Operations, Regulated Fuels and Transportation, Natural Gas and Oil Procurement, Nuclear Fuel Supply, Nuclear Engineering, and Fuel Forecasting. These meetings occurred at ORS offices as well as the Company's headquarters in Charlotte, NC. Also, ORS reviewed documentation supporting natural gas purchases for operation of the Company's natural gas fueled generating facilities. In addition, ORS keeps abreast of the nuclear, coal and natural gas industries, including transportation, through industry publications on a daily basis. ORS attended the Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2012 post-annual inspection meetings during April and May 2013 for the Catawba and Oconee nuclear generation stations in Rock Hill and Seneca, SC, respectively.

**Q. DID ORS EXAMINE THE COMPANY'S PLANT OPERATIONS FOR THE
REVIEW PERIOD?**

A. Yes. ORS reviewed the performance of the Company's generation facilities to determine if the Company made reasonable efforts to minimize fuel costs. ORS also reviewed the availability and capacity factors of the Company's power plants by unit. Exhibit MSH-1 shows, in percentages, the monthly availability factors of the Company's major generation units. The corresponding capacity factors in Exhibit MSH-2 indicate the monthly utilization of each unit in producing power.

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PLANT AVAILABILITY AND HOW IT IS USED IN ORS'S EVALUATION OF THE COMPANY'S PLANT PERFORMANCE.

A. Exhibit MSH-1 enumerates monthly availability by generation unit. ORS examines all occurrences that result in a unit displaying zero availability as well as less than 100% availability. Exhibits MSH-3, MSH-4, and MSH-5 show the summary of outages for the Company's major coal, natural gas, and nuclear units, respectively, for the review period. Exhibits MSH-1 through MSH-5 were used in the evaluation of the Company's plant operations. As an example, Exhibit MSH-1 shows that Marshall Unit 4 had 0.0% availability for the month of April 2013. Exhibit MSH-2 shows that the capacity during that same time period was also 0.0%. Exhibit MSH-3 indicates the reason for this as being the maintenance outage between March 29, 2013 and May 16, 2013; therefore, the unit was not available to generate electricity during this time frame due to these planned activities being performed.

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE OUTAGES ARE REPRESENTED ON EXHIBITS MSH-3 THROUGH MSH-5.

A. Exhibits MSH-3 and MSH-4 provide explanations for major coal and natural gas unit outages lasting 100 hours or greater, respectively. While not all plant outages were included in these Exhibits, all outages were reviewed by ORS. Exhibit MSH-5 provides explanations for all nuclear plant outages during the review period.

**Q. PLEASE ADDRESS THE OUTAGES AT THE COMPANY'S THREE
NUCLEAR STATIONS.**

A. Exhibit MSH-5 shows the duration, type, and cause of the outages at the Company's nuclear stations. During the review period there were eight (8) separate outages, including five (5) scheduled refueling outages and three (3) forced outages. ORS noted that four (4) of the refueling outages were extended beyond their intended restart dates. The extensions were due primarily to emergent issues that arose during these outages that needed to be addressed while the units were offline. Including these outages, the three (3) nuclear stations, consisting of seven (7) units, achieved an overall 92.3% actual availability factor and 93.7% actual capacity factor for the review period as shown in Exhibits MSH-1 and MSH-2 respectively.

**Q. PLEASE ELABORATE ON OTHER AREAS OF THE COMPANY'S PLANT
OPERATIONS THAT WERE REVIEWED BY ORS.**

A. Exhibit MSH-6 provides a history of the availability of the Company's coal, natural gas combined-cycle, and nuclear generation plants for the period 2007 through 2012. This Exhibit includes the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's ("NERC") national five-year (2007-2011) average availability for each type of generation plant. During the review period, the Company's coal, combined-cycle and nuclear units performed better than the NERC five-year average.

Exhibit MSH-7 provides the average forced outage rates for the Company's coal, natural gas combined-cycle, and nuclear generation plants for the same time period. During the actual review period, the Company's coal, combined-cycle, and nuclear units performed better than the NERC five-year average.

1 However, ORS noted that individual Company coal units have periodically
2 experienced forced outage rates higher than the NERC five-year average. Most
3 recently, Cliffside Unit 6 had a forced outage rate of 11.99% during the review period
4 compared to the NERC five-year average of 5.90%. This was primarily due to the 7-
5 day forced outage at the plant beginning on April 1, 2013 and lasting until April 8,
6 2013 to address a seat drain line issue, as shown on Exhibit MSH-3. It should be
7 noted that this unit began commercial operations on December 30, 2013, and ORS
8 anticipates the performance of the unit to improve over time.

9 Additionally, ORS recognized that at times individual Company nuclear units
10 have experienced forced outage rates higher than the NERC five-year average. For
11 example, during the review period McGuire Unit 2 had a forced outage rate of
12 12.08% as compared to the NERC five-year average of 2.51%. Primarily, this was
13 due to the 38-day outage extension at the plant beginning on October 23, 2012 and
14 lasting until November 30, 2012, as shown on Exhibit MSH-5. ORS will continue to
15 monitor the Company's progress in reducing the forced outage rates of its nuclear
16 units.

17 **Q. DID ORS REVIEW THE COMPANY'S GENERATION MIX DURING THE**
18 **REVIEW PERIOD?**

19 **A.** Yes. Exhibit MSH-8 shows the megawatt-hour ("MWh") generation mix for
20 the review period by percentage and generation type. As shown in this Exhibit, the
21 coal and nuclear plants contributed 83.5% of the Company's generation throughout
22 the review period. Jointly, the combined-cycle and combustion turbine natural gas-

1 fired plants contributed 6.6% of the generation. The remainder of the generation was
2 met through a mix of hydroelectric and purchased power.

3 **Q. DID ORS EXAMINE THE COMPANY'S FUEL COSTS ON A PLANT-BY-**
4 **PLANT BASIS FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD?**

5 **A.** Yes. Exhibit MSH-9 shows the average fuel costs for the major generation
6 plants on the Company's system for the review period and the MWhs produced by
7 those respective plants. ORS's review revealed the lowest average fuel cost of 0.558
8 cents/kilowatt-hour ("kWh") at the McGuire Nuclear Station and the highest average
9 fuel cost of 5.419 cents/kWh at the now-retired Buck coal-fired station. The
10 Company utilizes economic dispatch which generally requires that the lower cost
11 units are dispatched first.

12 **Q. DID ORS REVIEW THE COMPANY'S ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED**
13 **COSTS?**

14 **A.** Yes. ORS reviewed the Company's environmental costs including allowances
15 for nitrogen oxide ("NO_x") and sulfur dioxide ("SO₂") emissions and reagents and
16 other chemicals used in the reduction of these emissions. Along with ammonia, lime,
17 and limestone, ORS reviewed the Company's use of magnesium hydroxide, calcium
18 carbonate, and other emission-reducing reagents in its power plants. ORS agrees that
19 the use of these chemicals and reagents does reduce the Company's NO_x and SO₂
20 emissions, and that the costs associated with them should be included in the
21 Company's Adjustment for Fuel and Variable Environmental Costs as provided by
22 S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865.

**Q. HAS ORS REVIEWED THE COMPANY’S SAVINGS FROM THE JOINT
DISPATCH AGREEMENT AND MERGER-RELATED SAVINGS?**

A. Yes. As part of this proceeding, ORS reviewed the Company’s methodology for tracking savings from the Joint Dispatch Agreement (“JDA”) between DEC and Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., now known as Duke Energy Progress, Inc., (collectively referred to as the “Companies”) and the system fuel and fuel-related cost savings resulting from the merger (“Merger Fuel Savings”) of Duke Energy Corporation and Progress Energy, Inc. ORS reviewed the monthly fuel reports and the South Carolina Quarterly Surveillance Reports filed with the Commission that detail the JDA and Merger Fuel Savings. On December 18, 2012, ORS filed a review letter with the Commission stating that it was satisfied with the monthly reporting on the JDA and Merger Fuel Savings that the Companies were filing as part of their monthly fuel reports. Additionally, ORS met with a number of Company personnel to discuss and review the Company’s allocation of these savings between the Companies and between South Carolina and North Carolina. Consistent with Commission Order No. 2013-311, ORS will continue to monitor and review the JDA and Merger Fuel Savings. Through May 2013, the Companies have reported savings of approximately \$105.5 million of the \$686.8 million guaranteed by the Company. As of May 2013, DEC has reported approximately \$17.2 million in guaranteed savings allocated to its South Carolina retail ratepayers.

1 **Q. HAS ORS REVIEWED THE ACCURACY OF THE COMPANY'S**
2 **FORECAST?**

3 **A.** Yes. As shown in Exhibit MSH-10, the Company's actual MWh sales versus
4 estimated sales were 0.99% lower than expected during the review period. In
5 addition, Exhibit MSH-11 shows the monthly variance between the actual and
6 projected fuel costs for the review period illustrating that the cumulative average
7 actual fuel costs for the period were 0.13% higher than the projected fuel costs.

8 **Q. WHAT OTHER INFORMATION HAS ORS REVIEWED AS PART OF ITS**
9 **EVALUATION IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

10 **A.** Exhibit MSH-12 shows ending period balances of fuel costs beginning in May
11 1993. The Company has experienced both under-recovery and over-recovery
12 balances throughout the approximate twenty-year period. As of May 2013, the
13 balance in the cumulative recovery account is an over-recovery of \$25,476,878, as
14 shown on Exhibit MSH-12. As testified to by ORS witness Smith, this balance
15 includes adjustments made by ORS in May 2013 totaling \$1,805,529. This number
16 was provided by the ORS Audit Department and can be found on ORS Audit Exhibit
17 GS-5. This number does not include the environmental cost component, which had a
18 cumulative over-recovery of \$6,084,377 as of May 2013 which can be found on ORS
19 Audit Exhibit GS-7.

1 **Q. WHAT OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION DOES ORS USE IN**
2 **DETERMINING THE REASONABLENESS OF A UTILITY'S REQUEST**
3 **FOR A FUEL COST COMPONENT?**

4 **A.** ORS routinely 1) reviews private and public industry publications including
5 those available on the Energy Information Administration's website; 2) conducts
6 meetings with Company personnel; 3) attends industry conferences; and 4) reviews
7 fuel information as filed monthly by electric generation utilities with the Federal
8 Government.

9 **Q. HAS ORS DETERMINED THE CORE CAUSES OF THE COMPANY'S**
10 **REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN THE FUEL FACTOR ASSOCIATED**
11 **WITH THIS PROCEEDING?**

12 **A.** Yes. Through the review process, ORS concluded the primary drivers causing
13 the increase in the fuel factor are increases in the cost of delivered coal and nuclear
14 fuel and the depletion of the Company's historical over-recovered balances of
15 \$57,873,577 in base fuel costs and \$8,160,813 in environmental costs from its last
16 fuel proceeding (Docket No. 2012-3-E).

17 **Q. DOES ORS RECOMMEND ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BASE FUEL**
18 **COSTS PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY?**

19 **A.** Yes. ORS recommends making an over-recovery adjustment of \$1,699,158 to
20 the Company's base fuel costs to recognize an additional dollar amount for
21 replacement power due to the extension of a scheduled refueling outage at McGuire
22 Unit 2. This adjustment was provided to the ORS Audit Department by the ORS
23 Electric Department, and is reflected in Audit Adjustment 1.

1 ORS recommends making an over-recovery adjustment of \$106,371 to the
2 Company's base fuel costs to reflect penalties paid to CSX Transportation as a result
3 of coal shipments that did not meet contractual train minimum weights. This
4 adjustment was provided to the ORS Audit Department by the ORS Electric
5 Department, and is reflected in Audit Adjustment 2.

6 **Q. DOES ORS HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE**
7 **COMPANY'S FORECAST?**

8 Yes. Since the Company's filing of its Direct Testimony on August 2, 2013,
9 ORS has noted that natural gas prices have continued to decline. ORS recommends
10 reducing the Company's forecasted natural gas fuel costs by \$3,436,728 to reflect
11 lower forecasted natural gas costs.

12 **Q. DOES ORS RECOMMEND ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE**
13 **ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY?**

14 **A.** Yes. The Company included costs associated with gypsum that are not
15 recoverable under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865. Therefore, ORS removed
16 \$1,381,645 of these costs from the environmental forecast for the months of October
17 2013 through September 2014. ORS witness Smith removed the same type of costs
18 for the estimated months of July 2013, August 2013, and September 2013 in Audit
19 Adjustments 4A, 4B, and 4C, respectively. The effect of these adjustments results in
20 ORS recommending an environmental fuel factor for each class as follows: 0.0525
21 cents/kWh for Residential customers; 0.0313 cents/kWh for General/Lighting
22 customers; and 0.0200 cents/kWh for Industrial customers.

**Q. WHAT IMPACT WILL ORS'S PROPOSED FUEL FACTOR HAVE ON A
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER'S BILL?**

A. As shown in Exhibit MSH-13, the ORS proposed base fuel factor is 2.1800 cents/kWh compared to the Company's proposed base fuel factor of 2.2049 cents/kWh. Exhibit MSH-14 reflects the ORS proposed base fuel rate and the ORS recommended environmental rates for Residential, General/Lighting, and Industrial customer classes. If approved by the Commission, the ORS proposed rates would increase the average monthly bill for a residential customer using 1000 kWh on Rate RS from \$100.45 to \$103.29. This equates to an increase of approximately \$2.84 or 2.83%.

**Q. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS THAT WILL IMPACT
CUSTOMERS' BILLS?**

A. Yes. By Commission Order No. 2012-647, the Company's Merger Fuel Savings Rider MFS ("Rider") is set to expire on September 30, 2013. Merger Fuel Savings will be addressed in the Company's annual fuel proceedings going forward. The expiration of the Rider will increase the average monthly bill for a residential customer, using 1000 kWh on Rate RS, by approximately \$0.65. The net increase from ORS's proposed fuel factor and the expiration of the Rider is an increase of approximately \$3.49, or 3.47% to the same customer's monthly bill. Including the expiration of the Rider, the customer's monthly bill would be approximately \$103.94.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. Yes, it does.

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Power Plant Performance Data Report - Availability Factors (Percentage)
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Docket No. 2013-3-E

Plant	Unit	MW Rating	Historical Data			Review Period (Actual) Data												Average Review Pd.
			2010	2011	2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	
Belews Creek	1	1110	93.4	90.9	91.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.1	85.7	93.0	91.3	100.0	95.4	100.0	49.1	100.0	91.7
Belews Creek	2	1110	73.0	91.6	86.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.0	79.6	100.0	96.6	90.5	100.0	49.3	70.9	100.0	89.8
Cliffside	5	552	65.4	93.8	90.5	100.0	100.0	99.3	100.0	89.7	100.0	57.5	100.0	97.5	100.0	99.2	94.8	94.8
Cliffside	6 ¹	825	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	87.5	81.9	97.6	57.7	90.8	83.3
Marshall	1	380	88.6	71.0	86.8	73.3	96.3	99.4	62.3	79.4	99.1	98.9	98.5	92.7	90.6	97.8	92.3	90.1
Marshall	2	380	88.5	88.2	90.7	99.1	93.7	84.7	65.4	81.4	96.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.6	88.4	80.4	90.6
Marshall	3	658	93.4	91.6	90.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.3	94.7	82.9	94.9	100.0	94.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	71.4
Marshall	4	660	94.4	89.7	88.2	100.0	79.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.4	0.0	48.8	84.5
Coal Total		5675	84.9	89.6	89.3	96.1	95.6	97.6	84.9	87.2	96.0	91.3	97.1	95.2	78.0	57.9	75.9	87.4
Buck	10	620	n/a	n/a	89.9	99.0	95.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	58.5	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	80.5	83.1	93.1
Dan River	7 ²	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100.0	77.0	95.2	100.0	83.3	91.3
CC Total³		1240	n/a	n/a	89.9	99.0	95.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	58.5	100.0	99.9	88.4	97.6	90.3	83.2	92.6
Catawba	1 ⁴	1129	98.5	87.2	87.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	77.3	11.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.6
Catawba	2 ⁵	1129	90.8	99.5	89.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
McGuire	1	1129	88.8	91.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.3	49.2	27.1	100.0	88.9
McGuire	2	1129	100.0	88.0	78.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	47.6	0.0	0.8	96.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	78.8
Oconee	1	846	99.3	79.0	90.0	100.0	91.8	100.0	100.0	83.6	3.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.0
Oconee	2	846	89.4	92.5	99.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Oconee	3	846	90.1	99.7	85.1	77.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.2
Nuclear Total		7054	93.8	91.0	90.0	96.8	98.8	100.0	92.5	83.4	68.8	86.9	100.0	98.5	92.8	89.6	100.0	92.3

¹ Cliffside Unit 6 began commercial operations on December 30, 2012

² Dan River CC began commercial operations on December 10, 2012

³ CC designates Combined-Cycle units

⁴ Catawba Unit 1 Ownership: North Carolina Electric Membership Corp. (~61.51%) and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (~38.49%)

⁵ Catawba Unit 2 Ownership: North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1 (75%) and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (25%)

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Belews Creek	2	1110	n/a	65.5	83.0	64.7	84.4	90.4	80.5	46.4	5.1	71.0	78.8	61.7	79.9	43.3	41.1	83.5	63.8	
Cliffside	5	552	n/a	51.1	53.7	23.7	28.2	76.3	20.0	34.5	25.7	17.1	0.0	9.7	32.1	79.4	36.7	3.6	30.3	
Cliffside	6	825	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	67.8	74.6	89.8	44.9	69.4	69.3	
Marshall	1	380	n/a	57.8	42.9	32.2	26.9	65.3	42.8	15.9	4.7	55.4	27.2	12.5	24.6	45.6	63.2	49.6	36.1	
Marshall	2	380	n/a	52.6	56.2	41.0	44.0	63.4	39.0	16.7	15.3	58.0	56.6	15.4	29.1	61.3	58.7	43.1	41.7	
Marshall	3	658	n/a	74.5	69.1	56.2	66.3	79.3	75.7	62.6	67.4	70.8	74.7	69.5	48.6	1.9	0.0	0.0	51.4	
Marshall	4	660	n/a	83.3	70.5	67.4	71.3	61.9	81.0	72.5	77.7	83.4	78.7	69.7	77.4	68.6	0.0	34.3	64.7	
Coal Total		5675	n/a	70.5	70.6	58.0	66.8	80.3	68.4	51.3	42.4	67.8	64.5	56.9	64.4	62.5	33.4	46.0	59.3	
Buck Dan River	10	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	76.5	84.6	81.7	80.8	93.9	93.0	53.1	94.9	79.0	92.3	91.1	70.7	66.4	81.8	
	7	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	76.0	70.4	83.4	85.8	50.4	73.2	
CC Total		1240	n/a	n/a	n/a	76.5	84.6	81.7	80.8	93.9	93.0	53.1	94.9	77.5	81.3	87.3	78.2	58.4	77.5	
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McGuire	1	1129	79.0	91.7	94.3	104.7	104.1	103.0	103.3	103.3	104.8	105.0	105.2	102.6	85.9	44.6	22.3	103.1	90.6	
McGuire	2	1129	84.7	103.9	91.1	81.3	104.3	103.0	102.7	47.1	0.0	0.0	94.3	103.2	103.4	103.2	103.1	102.5	80.6	
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Oconee	3	846	80.1	91.4	102.6	86.2	77.4	101.7	100.9	101.1	102.4	103.4	103.6	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.6	103.6	100.8	
Nuclear Total		7054	81.8	95.1	92.3	91.9	99.7	100.0	101.4	92.8	84.1	70.7	86.4	103.1	100.6	93.8	90.0	102.0	93.7	

¹ The Lifetime Nuclear Capacity Factors are through May 2013

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Coal Unit Outage Report - 100 Hrs or Greater Duration
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Unit	Date Offline	Date Online	Hours	Outage Type	Explanation of Outage
Belews Creek 1	4/12/13	4/28/13	366.7	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled Spring Outage.
Belews Creek 2	10/26/12	10/31/12	127.7	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline to repair 2B boiler feed pump.
Belews Creek 2	3/1/13	3/17/13	377.8	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled Spring Outage.
Belews Creek 2	4/6/13	4/12/13	161.5	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline to repair a steam leak.
Cliffside 5	12/1/12	12/14/12	316.6	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled boiler inspection.
Cliffside 6	4/1/13	4/8/13	166.8	Forced	Unit was forced offline to address a seat drain line issue.
Cliffside 6	4/8/13	4/13/13	116.4	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled Spring Outage.
Marshall 1	6/4/12	6/8/12	104.9	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline for boiler waterwall tube eddy current testing.
Marshall 1	9/21/12	10/7/12	391.2	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled Fall Outage.
Marshall 2	9/21/12	10/6/12	378.2	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled Fall Outage.
Marshall 2	5/10/13	5/15/13	112.1	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline to replace a flue-gas desulfurization booster fan.
Marshall 3	11/10/12	11/15/12	123.1	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline to address bottom ash removal.
Marshall 3 ¹	3/1/13	7/20/13	3,386.6	Planned / Maintenance	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled Spring Outage and to repair low pressure turbine blades.
Marshall 4	7/18/12	7/25/12	153.1	Forced	Unit was forced offline due to a tube leak.
Marshall 4	3/29/13	5/16/13	1,154.6	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline to repair low pressure turbine blades.

¹ This outage was completed after the Review Period.

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CC Unit Outage Report - 100 Hrs or Greater Duration
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
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Unit	Date Offline	Date Online	Hours	Outage Type	Explanation of Outage
Buck 10	11/17/12	11/29/12	299.5	Planned	Unit was taken offline to change out refractory ceramic fibre insulation.
Buck 10	4/26/13	5/6/13	245.8	Planned	Unit was taken offline for scheduled borescope inspection.
Dan River 7	2/22/13	3/2/13	179.0	Maintenance	Unit was taken offline for warranty repairs.
Dan River 7	5/5/13	5/10/13	115.9	Forced	Unit was forced offline due to failed valve test.

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Nuclear Unit Outage Report
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Unit	Date Offline	Date Online	Hours	Outage Type	Explanation of Outage
Catawba 1	11/24/12	12/20/12	624.0	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.
Catawba 1	12/20/12	12/28/12	195.6	Outage Extension	Scheduled refueling outage was extended due to emergent issues.
McGuire 1	2/21/13	2/24/13	71.8	Forced	Unit was forced offline to repair 1 CM-420 standby hotwell pump circuitry.
McGuire 1	3/16/13	4/21/13	864.0	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.
McGuire 1	4/21/13	4/22/13	37.9	Outage Extension	Scheduled refueling outage was extended due to emergent issues.
McGuire 2	9/15/12	10/23/12	912.0	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.
McGuire 2	10/23/12	11/30/12	924.3	Outage Extension	Scheduled refueling outage was extended due to emergent issues.
McGuire 2	12/1/12	12/2/12	23.7	Forced	Unit was forced offline due to incorrect turbine inlet pressure setpoint
Oconee 1	7/17/12	7/19/12	61.3	Forced	Unit was forced offline due to pressurizer level instrumentation isolation valve leakage
Oconee 1	10/26/12	11/24/12	696.0	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.
Oconee 1	11/24/12	11/29/12	122.7	Outage Extension	Scheduled refueling outage was extended due to emergent issues.
Oconee 3 ¹	4/13/12	6/7/12	1313.5	Planned	Unit was taken offline for a scheduled refueling outage.

¹ This outage began prior to the Review Period.

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Coal-Fired Plants									
Plant	Unit	MW Rating	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average Review Period
Belews Creek	1	1110	73.7	91.0	83.0	93.4	90.9	91.4	91.7
Belews Creek	2	1110	92.2	87.0	90.2	73.0	91.6	86.9	89.8
Cliffside	5	552	86.1	92.1	91.8	65.4	93.8	90.5	94.8
Cliffside	6	825	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.3
Marshall	1	380	86.1	93.1	87.6	88.6	71.0	86.8	90.1
Marshall	2	380	90.5	72.9	88.0	88.5	88.2	90.7	90.6
Marshall	3	658	88.2	72.1	90.7	93.4	91.6	90.2	71.4
Marshall	4	660	92.2	83.2	90.2	94.4	89.7	88.2	84.5
SystemTotal		5,675	86.1	85.4	88.4	84.9	89.6	89.3	87.4
(2007-2011)									
NERC 5-year average (All Coal Plants)									
86.2									

Combined Cycle Plants									
Plant	Unit	MW Rating	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average Review Period
Buck	10	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89.9	93.1
Dan River	7	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	91.3
Total		1,240	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89.9	92.6
(2007-2011)									
NERC 5-year average (CC Plants)									89.1

Nuclear Plants									
Plant	Unit	MW Rating	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average Review Period
Catawba	1	1129	99.7	86.6	89.4	98.5	87.2	87.3	90.6
Catawba	2	1129	82.9	100.0	88.3	90.8	99.5	89.4	100.0
McGuire	1	1129	78.2	84.4	100.0	88.8	91.1	100.0	88.9
McGuire	2	1129	100.0	87.1	90.3	100.0	88.0	78.8	78.8
Oconee	1	846	97.7	86.1	84.4	99.3	79.0	90.0	90.0
Oconee	2	846	90.0	85.1	100.0	89.4	92.5	99.7	100.0
Oconee	3	846	85.6	99.2	91.8	90.1	99.7	85.1	98.2
Total		7,054	90.6	89.8	92.0	93.8	91.0	90.0	92.3
(2007-2011)									
NERC 5-year average (All Nuclear Plants)									
90.1									

EXHIBIT MSH-7

Coal-Fired Plants									
Plant	Unit	MW Rating	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average Review Period
Belews Creek	1	1110	5.48	2.10	1.10	4.50	1.64	3.10	3.18
Belews Creek	2	1110	2.27	5.73	6.93	4.07	5.94	0.49	0.49
Cliffside	5	552	10.35	1.03	2.21	12.76	5.60	0.00	0.28
Cliffside	6	825	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.99
Marshall	1	380	9.49	2.49	6.19	6.07	8.26	3.05	2.45
Marshall	2	380	2.89	4.36	6.67	6.67	1.73	1.77	0.85
Marshall	3	658	6.30	5.26	3.40	4.06	2.81	0.37	0.00
Marshall	4	660	3.54	9.57	3.72	1.68	2.80	3.08	2.67
System Total		5,675	5.25	4.43	4.09	4.98	3.83	1.84	2.49
(2007-2011)									
NERC 5-year average (All Coal Plants)									
5.90									

Combined Cycle Plants									
Plant	Unit	MW Rating	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average Review Period
Buck	10	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.27	0.76
Dan River	7	620	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.18
Total		1,240	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	1.27	1.73
(2007-2011)									
NERC 5-year average (CC Plants)									5.05

Nuclear Plants									
Plant	Unit	MW Rating	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average Review Period
Catawba	1	1129	0.35	1.19	0.00	1.49	0.32	6.04	2.41
Catawba	2	1129	0.23	0.00	0.52	1.35	0.50	3.42	0.00
McGuire	1	1129	5.45	6.97	0.00	2.07	1.46	0.00	1.39
McGuire	2	1129	0.00	1.37	0.46	0.00	4.44	12.04	12.08
Oconee	1	846	2.26	6.68	5.01	0.73	2.70	2.28	2.28
Oconee	2	846	1.13	3.62	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.31	0.00
Oconee	3	846	1.10	0.76	0.96	2.47	0.34	0.00	0.00
Total		7,054	1.44	2.89	0.96	1.29	1.36	3.37	2.48
(2007-2011)									
NERC 5-year average (All Nuclear Plants)									2.51

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Generation Mix: June 2012 – May 2013
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Month	Percentage ¹					
	Coal	Nuclear	Combined Cycle	Combustion Turbine	Hydro	Purchased Power
<u>2012</u>						
June	30.0	56.9	4.3	1.0	0.2	7.6
July	35.0	50.0	3.6	2.5	0.1	8.6
August	30.3	54.6	3.9	1.1	0.5	9.7
September	24.5	56.4	5.1	0.4	0.4	13.3
October	20.2	56.1	5.6	0.3	0.8	17.1
November	35.3	44.5	4.3	0.3	0.3	15.4
December	32.4	56.4	7.2	0.1	0.3	3.7
<u>2013</u>						
January	28.3	57.6	7.6	0.0	2.2	4.3
February	30.4	54.1	7.7	0.1	2.6	5.2
March	31.2	52.5	8.6	0.1	1.9	5.7
April	19.6	58.7	9.0	0.1	1.9	10.8
May	23.2	63.2	6.4	0.4	2.6	4.2
AVERAGE	28.4	55.1	6.1	0.5	1.1	8.8

¹ Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding.

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Generation Statistics for Major Plants: June 2012 – May 2013
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Plant	Fuel Type	Average Fuel Cost (Cents/kWh)	Generation (MWh)
McGuire	Nuclear	0.558	16,662,667
Catawba	Nuclear	0.585	19,270,528
Oconee	Nuclear	0.614	21,700,478
Buck CC	Natural Gas	2.792	4,440,359
Dan River CC	Natural Gas	3.028	1,895,085
Rockingham	Natural Gas	3.586	465,067
Belews Creek	Coal	3.680	13,684,385
Marshall	Coal	3.816	9,297,335
Cliffside	Coal	4.707	4,308,580
Allen	Coal	4.742	2,049,178
Riverbend ¹	Coal/Natural Gas	5.050	260,625
Lee	Coal/Natural Gas	5.123	145,201
Buck ¹	Coal/Natural Gas	5.419	279,273

¹ The Buck and Riverbend coal plants were retired April 1, 2013.

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SC Retail Comparison of Estimated to Actual Energy Sales
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
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		2012						2013						Period Total
		June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
[1]	Actual Sales (MWh)	1,814,523	1,966,855	1,991,846	1,855,253	1,534,507	1,550,186	1,603,650	1,716,199	1,738,937	1,600,963	1,619,268	1,563,554	20,555,741
[2]	Estimated Sales (MWh)	1,785,507	1,901,442	1,959,995	1,918,319	1,560,737	1,552,533	1,696,920	1,836,199	1,810,721	1,604,464	1,585,210	1,548,355	20,760,402
[3]	Difference [1]-[2]	29,016	65,413	31,851	-63,066	-26,230	-2,347	-93,270	-120,000	-71,784	-3,501	34,058	15,199	-204,661
[4]	Percent Difference [3]/[2]	1.63%	3.44%	1.63%	-3.29%	-1.68%	-0.15%	-5.50%	-6.54%	-3.96%	-0.22%	2.15%	0.98%	-0.99%

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SC Retail Comparison of Estimated to Actual Fuel Cost
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
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	2012						2013						Period Average
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
[1] Actual Experience (¢/kWh)	2.3214	2.7069	2.2617	1.9267	2.1792	2.7312	2.1786	2.1229	1.9951	2.2892	1.8771	1.9747	2.2137
[2] Original Projection (¢/kWh)	2.2843	2.2050	2.2728	2.4947	2.2117	2.1884	2.0762	2.2464	2.3825	2.1124	2.2022	1.8545	2.2109
[3] Amount in Base (¢/kWh)	2.5273	2.5273	2.5273	2.5273	1.9489	1.9489	1.9489	1.9489	1.9489	1.9489	1.9489	1.9489	2.1417
[4] Variance from Projection [1-2]/[2]	1.62%	22.76%	-0.49%	-22.77%	-1.47%	24.80%	4.93%	-5.50%	-16.26%	8.37%	-14.76%	6.48%	0.13%

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History of Cumulative Recovery Account Report
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
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PERIOD ENDING	OVER (UNDER) \$
May-93	16,959,555
November-93	221,606
May-94	6,609,897
November-94	1,037,659
May-95	5,088,619
November-95	(377,507)
March-97	(13,299,613)
March-98	(1,956,794)
March-99	13,044,443
March-00	26,703,441
March-01	20,367,528
March-02	(7,446,417)
March-03	(1,121,094)
March-04	11,424,295
June-05	(2,669,646)
June-06	6,984,672
June-07	1,632,482
May-08	(12,225,796)
May-09	47,830,080
May-10	57,028,206
May-11	(528,767)
May-12	41,792,888
May-13	25,476,878

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Calculation of Base Fuel Component
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EXHIBIT MSH-13

Projected Fuel Expense: October 2013 through September 2014	
Cost of Fuel	\$1,797,465,736
System Sales (MWh)	82,936,805
Average Cost (cents/kWh)	2.167
Revenue Difference To be Collected from October 2013 through September 2014	
(Over)/Under-Recovery at September 30, 2013	\$2,683,314
Projected S.C. Retail Sales (MWh)	21,084,217
Average Cost (cents/kWh)	0.013
Base Fuel Cost Per kWh: Projected Period	
Average Fuel Cost (cents/kWh)	2.167
Revenue Difference (cents/kWh)	0.013
<i>Base Fuel Component (cents/kWh)</i>	<i>2.180</i>

Office of Regulatory Staff
Proposed Fuel Factors
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EXHIBIT MSH-14

	Duke Proposed Fuel Factors (¢/kWh)			ORS Proposed Fuel Factor (¢/kWh)		
Customer Class	Base Fuel Factor	Environmental Fuel Factor	Total Fuel Factor	Base Fuel Factor	Environmental Fuel Factor	Total Fuel Factor
Residential	2.2049	0.0647	2.2696	2.1800	0.0525	2.2325
General/Lighting	2.2049	0.0398	2.2447	2.1800	0.0313	2.2113
Industrial	2.2049	0.0258	2.2307	2.1800	0.0200	2.2000